(viii) Training of fanners outside the State	- 1630 Nos.
(ix) Adoption of organic farming practices	- 980 ha.
(x) Adoption of Integrated Pest Management Practices	- 4400 ha.
(xi) Establishment of wholesale markets	- 16 Nos.
(xii) Establishment of Rural Primary Markets	- 56 Nos.
(xiii) Establishment of State Grading Labs.	- 13 Nos.
(xiv) Establishment of Processing Units	- 9 nos.

Beneficiaries at field level are identified by nodal agencies, Departments of Horticulture/Agriculture concerned, as per requirements and priorities of the State.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Drought crisis in Gujarat

3946. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of. AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gujarat is drought-prone area; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to meet the crisis during drought period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) According to informatior available from the Department of Land Resources, 67 blocks in 14 district; of Gujarat, in an area of about 0.44 lakh sq. kms., are covered by Drought-Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) implemented by them.

(b) Necessary measures in the wake of drought are to be taken by the State Government, The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government.

Committee for export of foodgrains

3947. DR. T. SUBBARAM1 REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set up an empowered standing committee in order to take expeditious decisions on matters relating to export of foodgrains so as to accelerate the export of foodgrains;

(b) if so, who are the members of this committee;

(c) whether the committee would hold regular meetings for interaction with exporters and their representative bodies on the 10th of every month; and

(d) if so. to what extent setting up of this committee has been helpful in agricultural exports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The said Committee consists of the following :

(i) Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution—Chairman.

(ii) Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Department of Food & Public Distribution—Member

(iii) Managing Director, Food Corporation of India-Member.

(iv) Managing Director, Central Warehousing Corporation-—Member.

(v) Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce—Member.

(vi) Joint Secretary (FCI), Department of Food & Public Distribution—Member.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Expeditious decisions taken by the Committee will remove the operational obstacles, boost exports and help liquidate the surplus stocks of foodgrains available at present.

Availability and import of soft oils

3948. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the total availability of popular soya, sunflower and mustard oil has come down since the last year; .

(b) if so, whether India imported 18.40 lakh tonnes of soft oils in 2000-2001;